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ISRAEL AND EGYPT ACCEPTED A UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN IN-PLACE MIDDLE EAST CEASE-FIRE TODAY AS THE FIRST STEP TOWARD ENDING THE ARAB-ISRAELI WAR.

HIGH SOURCES IN AMMAN SAID THAT JORDAN ALSO WOULD ABIDE BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL APPEAL FOR A HALT TO THE FIGHTING AFTER 17 YRS OF THE FOURTH MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT SINCE 1948.

THE SYRIANS KEPT SILENT BUT WERE EXPECTED TO FOLLOW CAIRO'S LEAD. IRAQ, THE OTHER MAJOR ARAB PARTICIPANT IN THE WAR, ANNOUNCED ITS REFUSAL TO ABIDE BY THE U.N. RESOLUTION, BUT THIS WAS NOT EXPECTED TO AFFECT THE TRUCE EFFORTS SIGNIFICANTLY.

U.N. OFFICIALS AT FIRST SAID THE CEASE-FIRE WOULD START AT 12:49 P.M. EDT. U.N. HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK LATER OFFICIALLY SET THE START AT 12:50 P.M. THAT WOULD BE 6:50 P.M. IN THE MIDDLE EAST.  
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